## **HOUSE BILL 1645**

By Mumpower

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to the liability of principal, intermediate contractor or subcontractor.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-113, is amended by deleting subdivision (f)(1) and by substituting instead the following language:

Except as provided in subdivision (f)(4), any person engaged in the construction industry, including principal contractors, intermediate contractors, or subcontractors, shall be required to carry workers' compensation insurance. This requirement shall apply whether or not the person employs fewer than five (5) employees. Sole proprietors and partners shall also be required to carry workers' compensation insurance on themselves. In addition, the provisions of this subsection (f) shall not apply to any person building a dwelling or other structure, or performing maintenance, repairs, or making additions to structures, on the person's own property for the person's own use and for which the person receives no compensation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.